Rs. 1099.02 Crore. The Government has so far released Rs. 851.37 crores as equity for the project as per details given below:

Year	Equity (Rs./Crs.)
1998-99	5.00
1999-2000	30.00
2000-2001	130.00
2001-2002	207.18
2002-2003	303.35
2003-04 (upto 4.12.2003)	175.84
Total	851.37

The Government is releasing equity for the project according to the expenditure being planned and incurred at the project. The project is scheduled to be commissioned by February, 2007.

Pending power projects collaborated with Foreign Firms

1667. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the number of power projects collaborated with foreign firms pending as on date and their present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): As per available information, at present 3 private sector power projects involving foreign collaboation are under implementation. Apart from these, 11 private power projects involving foreign collaboation can be implemented after tying up of escrow agreement/payment security mechanism in addition to the project specific pending inputs, by the promoters.

Establishment of power project in Nepal

†1668. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to launch a power project in the neighbouring country Nepal;

(b) if so, whether the survey conducted has been for the purpose at some places in Nepal; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the names of such places along with the amount to be spent for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA):(a) Government of India and His Majesty Government (HMG) of Nepal have entered into Mahakali Treaty in 1996 for the development of potential of Mahakali River. Pancheswar Multi purpose Project will be the center-piece of this Treaty. There is also an understanding between the two countries for preparation of the detailed Project Reports for Sapta Kosi and Sun Kosi Multi-purpose Project and Burhi Gandaki Hydro-elctric Project in Nepal and this will be finalized through a Letter of Exchange and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Further, the Upper Karnali Project (300 MW) is under discussion by NHPC with HMG, Nepal for implementation under HMG, Nepal Hydro Power Policy, 2001.

(b) and (c) For the Pancheswar multi-purpose Project, Survey has been conducted by the Joint Project Office at Pancheshwar, Rupaligad and Purnagiri on both side of border at a cost of above Rs. 14.58 Cr. For the Kosi and Burhi Gandhaki projects, discussions are under way so that survey work could begin soon.

Power projects of NHPC

1669. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects presently at hand with the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC);

(b) the estimated cost and potential of those Hydro Power Projects, State-wise and proejct-wise; and

(c) the progress of each project as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) have so far 9 Operation projects with 2375 MW, 8 projects under construction with 4322 MW, 13 projects with 11266 MW under Detailed Project Report and Infrastructure development stage and 7 projects with 14421 MW under Survey and Investigation stage.